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Applicant: HETTISH

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
PROVIDING INFORMATION
REGARDING AN IDENTITY'S
TRUE AVAILABILITY

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) Group Art Unit: 2161
) Examiner: Kavita Padmanabhan
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Preliminary to Examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.